

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BRASIL 05279 161645Z

46

ACTION ARA-20

INFO OCT-01 ADP-00 IO-13 SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00 INRE-00

CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10

PA-03 RSC-01 PRS-01 SS-15 AID-20 EB-11 ACDA-19 COME-00

TRSE-00 NIC-01 OMB-01 EUR-25 RSR-01 /165 W

----- 104166

O 161620Z AUG 73

FM AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9208

INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY CARACAS IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L BRASILIA 5279

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PFOR OAS CU VE BR

SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE ON CUBA - "COSTA RICAN INITIATIVE

REF: STATE 161341, BRASILIA 5220

1. IN EXTENDED CONVERSATION WITH CHIEF OF THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY'S DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS
(MINISTER PAULO PADILHA VIDAL) AND WITH CHIEF OF OAS
DIVISION (COUNSELOR ASBRUBAL ULYSSEA), FOLLOWING POINTS
OF INTEREST EMERGED:

(A) BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR TO COSTA RICA HAS BEEN
INSTRUCTED TO CONVEY GOB VIEWS ON VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE
TO FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO. BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR
DESCRIBED AS HIGHLY COMPETENT WOMAN ON VERY FRIENDLY
TERMS WITH FACIO. IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE 159481,
RESERVED NATURE OF DETAILS OF COSTA RICAN "INITIATIVE"
AND DESIRABILITY OF NOT REVEALING OUR DISCUSSIONS TO
THIRD COUNTRIES WERE POINTED OUT.

(B) BRAZILIAN EMBASSY IN BOGOTA IS ATTEMPTING TO
TAKE DISCREET SOUNDINGS ON COLOMBIAN POSITION BUT
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BRASIL 05279 161645Z

WILL NOT MAKE DEMARCHE TO FOREIGN MINISTER VASQUEZ

CARRIZOSA WHO THEY CONSIDER FAVORS LIFTING OF SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA. THEY BELIEVE STRONG POINT IN COLOMBIA IS COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT WHO IS MUCH MORE CONSERVATIVE AND JURIDICAL IN HIS APPROACH. IN ADDITION, SINCE FOREIGN MINISTER GIBSON BARBOZA MADE STRONG PRESENTATION OF BRAZILIAN POSITION TO BOTH DURING RECENT VISIT, THEY SEE NO NEED TO REITERATE THEIR VIEWS.

(C) BRAZIL ALSO CONSIDERS COLOMBIAN SUPPORT FOR VENEZUELAN FORMULA AS NOT CERTAIN EXCEPT FOR THEIR DISTRUST OF VASQUEZ CARRIZOSA. THEY CONSIDER GOC JURIDICALLY MINDED AND CANNOT CONCEIVE OF COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT WISHING COLOMBIA TO BE HIGHLIGHTED AS TWELFTH VOTE WHICH SWUNG OAS IN FAVOR OF LIFTING SANCTIONS.

(C) U.S. POSITION IS CONSIDERED IDENTICAL TO THAT OF GOB. THEY AGREE FULLY WITH OUR JURIDICAL ARGUMENTS ON "COSTA RICAN INITIATIVE" CONVEYED REFTEL. THEY CONSIDER "MEXICAN ROLE" MENTIONED PARAGRAPH 4 REFTEL "ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS." THEY OF COURSE AGREE WITH OUR VIEWS ON VENEZUELAN PROPOSAL.

(E) FROM BRAZILIAN STANDPOINT, PRIMARY OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE TO DISCOURAGE VENEZUELAN PROPOSAL SINCE EVEN IF IT IS VOTED DOWN, THEY FEAR A FURTHER DEGRADATION OF HEMISPHERIC POSITIONS ON MAINTENANCE OF SANCTIONS. COSTA RICAN "INITIATIVE" HAS ADDITIONAL DISADVANTAGE OF PLACING ISSUE BEFORE APPROPRIATE ORGAN WHICH CANNOT BE OPPOSED TACTICALLY.

2. IT IS PERSONAL VIEW OF PADILHA VIDAL THAT DANGER POINT LIES WITH CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY SALVADOR, HONDURAS AND NICARAGUA. "COSTA RICAN INITIATIVE" HAS REINFORCED THIS VIEW. HE BELIEVES IT ENTIRELY LIKELY THAT IF VENEZUELAN PROPOSAL MADE IN ITS PRESENT FORM, "SMALL NATION MENTALITY" OF COSTA RICA WOULD PROVIDE IRRESISTIBLE IMPULSE TO PRESENT MORE JURIDICALLY ATTRACTIVE ALTERNATIVE. IN ADDITION TO EGO TRIP FOR FACIO, THIS WOULD ENHANCE COSTA RICAN IMAGE WITHIN OAS IN SENSE OF CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION ON PART OF SMALL POWER TO EFFICACY OF ORGANIZATION. THE FACT THAT ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE PRESENTED BY CENTRAL AMERICAN NATION, HE THOUGHT, COULD POSSIBLY SWAY OTHER CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES.
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 BRASIL 05279 161645Z

3. PADILHA VIDAL ADMITTED THAT HE MIGHT BE WRONG ABOUT THREE COUNTRIES MENTIONED ABOVE. FOR INSTANCE, ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER CARVALHO E SILVA DOES NOT AGREE WITH HIM, AT LEAST WITH REGARD TO NICARAGUA. VIDAL STATED THAT HIS VIEWS WERE INFLUENCED BY "PARLIAMENTARY IMPRESSIONS" RECEIVED DURING THE LIMA MEETING, BOTH DURING FORMAL DEBATE AND CORRIDOR TALK. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT CUBAN

ASSISTANCE TONICARAGUA AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE WAS BOTH
DRAMATIC AND HIGHLY APPRECIATED. IN HIS VIEW, US SHOULD
TAKE "VERY DISCREET SOUNDINGS" TO DETERMINE CURRENT
POSITIONS OF SALVADOR, HONDURAS AND NICARAGUA.

4. BRAZILIAN ARE HIGHLY PLEASED WITH OUR CONSULTATIONS
ON THIS SUBJECT. THEY WILL KEEP US INFORMED ON THEIR
ACTIONS AS DATA BECOMES AVAILABLE.
CRIMMINS

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 AUG 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: garlanwa
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973BRASIL05279
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X1 CRIMMINS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: BRASILIA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730835/aaaaazhk.tel
Line Count: 124
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: STATE 161341, BRASILIA 5220
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: garlanwa
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 16 JAN 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <16-Jan-2002 by martinml>; APPROVED <05-Feb-2002 by garlanwa>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE ON CUBA - "COSTA RICAN INITIATIVE
TAGS: PFOR, CU, VE, BR, OAS
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005